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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: New U.S. Patent Application No.: Not Yet Assigned
Application of Carlos Nagib KHALIL and Lucia Cristina Ferreira LEITE
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING BIODIESEL
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Our Ref. Q76639

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 13 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 1 sheet of drawings. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,
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